The opinion in support of the decision being entered today was  $\underline{not}$  written for publication and is  $\underline{not}$  binding precedent of the Board.

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Ex parte TSUYOSHI KATAYAMA, MASAKAZU OKUMURA, NOBUAKI HATTORI, MAKOTO NAKAJIMA and OSAMU KIMURA

Application No.09/604,763

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ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL

This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on July 30, 2004. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the Examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

Appellant filed an Information Disclosure Statement on November 21, 2002. It is not clear from the record that the Information Disclosure Statement has been considered or

Application No. 09/604,763 acknowledged.

Accordingly, it is

**ORDERED** that the application is returned to the examiner for:

- 1) consideration the Information Disclsoure Statement filed November 21, 2002;
- 2) a written communication regarding consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement filed November 21, 2002; and
  - 3) for any further action as deemed appropriate.

It is important that the Board of Patent Appeals and
Interferences be informed promptly of any action affecting the
appeal (i.e. abandonment, issue, reopening prosecution).

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